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SUBJ: NEW ETHIOPIAN VISA REGULATIONS

1. SUMMARY. ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT (PMGSE) HAS ISSUED NEW REGULATIONS WHICH PRECLUDE ISSUANCE OF AIRPORT VISAS TO PRIVATE TRAVELLERS, REQUIRE THAT VISITORS TO ETHIOPIA STAY IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED HOTELS AND SPECIFY THAT THEY MUST HAVE US\$50 FOR EACH DAY OF THEIR STAY. ACTION SEEMS TO BE VICTORY FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HANDLE TOURISTS IN EASTERN EUROPEAN MANNER. END SUMMARY.

2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PMGSE HAS DISTRIBUTED CIRCULAR NOTE INFORMING ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THAT AIRPORT VISAS WILL NO LONGER BE ISSUED TO PRIVATE TRAVELLERS. NOTE STATES THAT ALL TRAVELLERS MUST APPLY FOR VISAS BEFORE DEPARTING FOR ETHIOPIA AND THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL BE REFERRED TO MOFA.  
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IN THE PAST ONLY APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY, AS OPPOSED TO TOURIST, VISAS (WHICH ENTITLE BEARER TO APPLY FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT) WERE REFERRED TO MOFA. DELAYS OF ONE MONTH HAVE NOT BEEN UNCOMMON AND INCREASED VOLUME RESULTING FROM REQUIREMENT FOR MOFA PROCESSING OF ALL APPLICATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO LENGTHEN DELAYS.

3. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY HAS SECURED COPY OF INSTRUCTION DISTRIBUTED TO AIRLINES WHICH CONTAINS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: (A) TOURISTS, INCLUDING THOSE VISITING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, MUST STAY IN ONE OF SEVEN DESIGNATED HOTELS. (B) VISITORS MUST HAVE US\$50 OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR EACH DAY OF THEIR INTENDED STAY IN ETHIOPIA. (C) VISITORS MAY USE ONLY GROUND TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED BY NATIONAL TOURING ORGANIZATION. (D) 24 HOUR TRANSIT PASSENGERS MAY BE ISSUED VISAS ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. THOSE FOR WHOM ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES WILL PAY LODGING ARE EXEMPTED FROM \$50 PER DAY REQUIREMENT.

4. AIRPORT VISAS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS IF THE VISIT IS URGENT AND THERE IS NO ETHIOPIAN MISSION WHICH CAN ISSUE A VISA. ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO MOFA. OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS ARE DEFINED AS: (A) MEMBERS OF A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OR MISSION; (B) PARTICIPANTS IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, (C) PARTICIPANTS IN CULTURAL EXCHANGES; (D) PARTICIPANTS IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES, GOVERNMENT INVITED INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. NEW REGULATIONS ARE NOT YET FULLY IN FORCE. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF CASES WHERE PRIVATE TRAVELLERS HAVE SECURED AIRPORT VISAS SINCE NOTIFICATION RECEIVED. ENFORCEMENT WILL PROBABLY BECOME INCREASINGLY STRINGENT OVER TIME, HOWEVER.

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6. FOR SOME TIME THERE HAS BEEN APPARENT CONFLICT BETWEEN THOSE, CENTERED IN ETHIOPIAN TOURIST ORGANIZATION (NATIONAL TOURING ORGANIZATION), WHO WISH TO MAINTAIN TOURIST FLOW INTO ETHIOPIA AND DOCTRINNAIRE REVOLUTIONARIES WHO CONTEND TOURISM SHOULD BE CONTROLLED AS IN COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE. RESTRICTIONS SEEM TO BE VICTORY FOR LATTER GROUP. END COMMENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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